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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF THE MILITIA OF THE
UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

*An abstract of the returns of the militia of the several States, with
their arms, &c., in compliance with an act passed March 2, 1803.*

FEBRUARY 11, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 10, 1848.

SIR : I have the honor to submit herewith, as required by the first section of the act of March 2, 1803, an abstract of the returns of the militia of the several States, with their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, compiled by the adjutant general of the army from returns rendered by the adjutants general of the several States.

The report of the adjutant general of the army, herewith, exhibits the fact that the returns required by law for the last year have been received from but eleven States ; and, from the remainder, the returns vary in date through the last twenty years. It also states the measures which the department have taken, but without effect, to induce a more prompt compliance with the law.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

Hon. R. C. WINTHROP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 5, 1848.

SIR : I respectfully submit, herewith, the annual general return of the militia of the United States, and of their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, in duplicate, purporting to be for the year 1847, and required to be laid before Congress in conformity with the law "more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia," approved March 2, 1803.

The general abstract is compiled from the returns of latest date received at the Adjutant General's Office, from which it will appear that returns of the last year have been received from only *eleven* States, viz : New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Texas.

For the strength of the militia for the remaining States and Territories I have now, as heretofore, had resort to the return of former years, to wit : One for 1827 ; one for 1829 ; two for 1832 ; two for 1838 ; one for 1839 ; two for 1840 ; one for 1841 ; two for 1843 ; one for 1844 ; four for 1845 ; and two for 1846. From the State of Iowa no return has ever been received.

I beg leave, respectfully, to repeat the request that the attention of the President be invited to the subject of the continued failures of the adjutants general of so many of the States to comply with the act of Congress, which imposes the duty on them to forward their returns annually to the President "on or before the first Monday in January in each year." It may be seen that "circulars," more than once, have been issued upon the subject—the last, by your authority, being dated January 8, 1846, a copy of which (marked A) is, herewith, respectfully transmitted.

I am, sir, with great respect, your obedient servant,

R. JONES,
Adjutant General.

Hon. W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
CIRCULAR.] Washington, January 8, 1846.

SIR : Your attention is respectfully called to the importance of a full and prompt compliance, on your part, with the provision of the act of Congress, approved March 2, 1803, making it the duty of the adjutant general of the militia, in each State, to make and forward returns of the militia of the State to which he belongs, with their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, to the President of the United States, annually, on or before the first Monday in January. One of the objects had in view by the national legislature, was the establishing an uniform system of militia accountability—an object which

has not been accomplished. In the first section of the law, it is made the duty of the Secretary of War, from time to time, to give such directions to the adjutants general of the militia as shall, in his opinion, be necessary to produce an uniformity in their annual returns; and in conformity thereto, as long ago as 1829, a printed form was prescribed, and duly furnished to the different States, for their guidance in making up the required returns, accompanied with a "circular" from this office, dated June 19, 1829. It is regretted that the measures adopted by the War Department have not, as yet, resulted in securing the desired uniformity. In some of the States the use of the printed return has been neglected, and other forms instituted, while in some instances errors and omissions in filling them up not unfrequently occur; and a majority of the States fail to send their returns within the time prescribed by law. The consequence has been that this department could furnish Congress with but imperfect abstracts of the militia force of the country.

The Secretary of War expresses the hope that, hereafter, you will adopt such timely measures as will ensure the receipt of your returns, &c., not later than the first Monday in January, the day required by law. Last year, there were only seven returns received by the first Monday in January; and this year but eight.

It should be borne in mind that the annual distribution of arms, &c., to the several States, is made according to the strength of the militia duly reported according to law—it is, therefore, the interest of all the States to make full returns to the President, in due season and form, in order to receive the greatest benefit derivable from the general system of arming the militia.

Herewith I forward printed blank returns of the established form.

By order of the Secretary of War :

R. JONES,

Adjutant General U. S. A.

To the ADJUTANT GENERAL of the State of

“ADJUTANT GENERAL’S OFFICE,

[“CIRCULAR.”]

“Washington, June 19, 1829.

“SIR: Pursuant to the provision of the act of March 2, 1803, which requires ‘the adjutant general of the militia, in each State, to make return of the militia of the State to which he belongs, with the arms, accoutrements, and ammunition,’ ‘to the President of the United States, annually, on or before the first Monday in January in each year,’ I herewith respectfully transmit eight blanks of the established form in order to ‘produce an uniformity in the said returns.’

“By order of the Secretary of War :

“R. JONES,

“*Adjutant General U. S. A.*

“To the ADJUTANT GENERAL of each State and Territory.”

NOTE.—Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

R. J.

Abstract of the general annual returns of the militia of the United States, by States and Territories, according to the act of March, 1803, for the year 1847.

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States and Territories.	Returns.		Infantry.								Remarks.
	For what year received.	Date.	No. of divisions.	No. of brigades.	No. of regiments.	No. of battalions.	No. of companies.	Commissioned officers, including general, division, brigade, &c.	Non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, &c.	Total.	
Maine.....	1845	December 31....	9	18	60	.....	547	1,895	37,361	39,256	Riflemen included in the infantry.
New Hampshire.....	1847	June 19....	4	8	41	.....	358	1,430	23,276	24,706	
Massachusetts.....	1847	December 23....	3	6	99	.....	58	357	92,755	93,112	Separate arms of service not reported.
Vermont.....	1843	January 1, '44	3	9	28	.....	264	885	19,269	20,154	
Rhode Island.....	1847	December 23....	1	5	8	.....	14	47	13,862	13,909	Riflemen included in the infantry.
Connecticut.....	1846	December 1....	3	6	25	.....	262	944	52,296	53,240	
New York.....	1847	December 29....	8	32	68	.....	680	9,472	158,172	167,644	Riflemen included in the infantry.
New Jersey.....	1829	December 2....	4	13	49	105	437	1,681	31,983	33,664	
Pennsylvania.....	1847	November 26....	17	39	174	393	1,638	6,378	248,734	255,112	Riflemen included in the infantry.
Delaware.....	1827	.....	1	3	10	.....	.....	371	7,861	8,232	
Maryland.....	1838	January 15, '39	5	16	50	106	480	1,915	40,037	41,952	Riflemen included in the infantry.
Virginia.....	1847	September 30....	5	23	178	.....	1,241	6,115	105,100	111,215	
North Carolina.....	1845	February 13, '46	9	19	95	147	812	4,080	72,863	76,943	Riflemen included in the infantry.
South Carolina.....	1846	December 15....	5	10	46	93	417	2,123	46,960	49,083	
Georgia.....	1839	February 15, '40	12	24	96	210	987	3,036	53,390	56,426	Riflemen included in the infantry.
Alabama.....	1847	January 15, '48	2,115	41,489	43,604	

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Louisiana.....	1847	January 24, '48	3	12	47	58	444	1,262	39,572	40,834
Mississippi.....	1838	June 6....	5	10	56	112	810	810
Tennessee.....	1840	February 13, '41	4	22	152	.....	.....	3,607	67,645	71,252
Kentucky.....	1847	December 10....	19	29	139	278	1,110	4,615	80,244	84,859
Ohio.....	1845	January 26, '46	23	70	7	10	104	707	153,416	154,123
Indiana.....	1832	January 4, '33	9	22	79	158	734	2,573	46,159	48,732
Illinois.....	1841	February 24....	2	5	28	70	204	856	.....	856
Missouri.....	1844	January 7, '45	15	30	100	200	960	3,819	55,181	59,000
Arkansas.....	1843	January 15, '44	2	8	45	90	250	1,097	15,922	17,019
Michigan.....	1847	December 1....	9	19	46	1	485	2,423	55,126	57,549
Florida.....	1845	October 10.....	2	13	26	104	528	10,349	10,877	10,877
Texas.....	1847	November 22....	5	10	40	92	312	1,244	18,452	19,696
Iowa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin Territory.....	1840	November 30....	.....	.....	5	4	56	169	5,054	5,223
District of Columbia.....	1832	November 20, '33	.....	1	3	6	22	90	1,098	1,188
Grand aggregate.....	.....	.....	185	471	1,797	2,159	12,980	66,644	1,593,626	1,660,270

The adjutant general says "the number of citizens in this State, required to perform militia duty, does not fall much short of twenty-five thousand."
No return.

States and Territories.	Returns.		Cavalry.							Remarks.	
	For what year received.	Date.	No. of divisions.	No. of brigades.	No. of regiments.	No. of battalions.	No. of companies.	Commissioned officers.	Non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, &c.		Total.
Maine	1845	December 31....			4	4	29	158	1,298	1,456	Riflemen included in the infantry.
New Hampshire.....	1847	June 19....					18	62	583	645	
Massachusetts	1847	December 23....					1	5	91	96	
Vermont.....	1843	January 1, '44....						45	545	590	
Rhode Island.....	1847	December 28....						14	85	99	
Connecticut.....	1846	December 1....			5		21	83	609	692	Separate arms of service not reported.
New York.....	1847	December 29....									
New Jersey.....	1829	December 2....			4	8	33	137	1,617	1,754	
Pennsylvania	1847	November 26....					117	351	4,039	4,390	
Delaware.....	1827							32	234	266	
Maryland.....	1838	January 15, '39....	14		28		60	328	2,266	2,594	Riflemen included in the infantry.
Virginia.....	1847	September 30....			5		114	484	6,743	7,227	
North Carolina.....	1845	February 13, '46....			5		12	63	748	811	
South Carolina.....	1846	December 15....	4		8			299	2,556	2,855	
Georgia.....	1839	February 15, '40....					14	56	830	886	
Alabama.....	1847	January 15, '48....						40	543	583	
Louisiana.....	1847	January 24, '48....			1	2	38	18	511	529	
Mississippi.....	1838	June 6....						15		15	

Tennessee.....	1840	February 13, '41							
Kentucky.....	1847	December 10....				26	104	1,689	1,793
Ohio.....	1845	January 26, '46		3	24	86	441	4,386	4,827
Indiana.....	1832	January 4, '33					106	1,681	1,787
Illinois.....	1841	February 24....				4	12		12
Missouri.....	1844	January 7, '45				20	80	1,420	1,500
Arkansas.....	1843	January 15, '44				3	9	49	58
Michigan.....	1847	December 1....				13	58	699	757
Florida.....	1845	October 10....				10	40	500	540
Texas.....	1847	November 22....				1	4	66	70
Iowa.....									
Wisconsin Territory.....	1840	November 30....							
District of Columbia.....	1832	November 20, '33							
Grand aggregate.....			18	35	66	620	3,044	33,788	36,832

The adjutant general says "the number of citizens in this State, required to perform militia duty, does not fall much short of twenty-five thousand."
No return.

States and Territories.	Returns.		Artillery.							Remarks.	
	For what year received.	Date.	No of divisions.	No. of brigades.	No. of regiments.	No. of battalions.	No. of companies.	Commissioned officers.	Non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, &c.		Total.
Maine	1845	December 31.....			5	7	41	155	1,873	2,028	Riflemen included in the infantry.
New Hampshire.....	1847	June 19.....					32	109	1,606	1,715	
Massachusetts.....	1847	December 23.....			4	1	19	108	992	1,100	
Vermont.....	1843	January 1, '44.....						53	773	826	
Rhode Island.....	1847	December 28.....						17	121	138	
Connecticut.....	1846	December 1.....			3	3	44	198	1,885	2,083	Separate arms of service not reported.
New York.....	1847	December 29.....									
New Jersey.....	1829	December 2.....					32	89	1,836	1,925	
Pennsylvania.....	1847	November 26.....					65	195	3,342	3,537	
Delaware.....	1827	.....						12	176	188
Maryland.....	1833	January 15, '39.....		1	2	3	33	104	1,536	1,640	Riflemen included in the infantry.
Virginia.....	1847	September 30.....			5		55	237	3,312	3,549	
North Carolina.....	1845	February 13, '46.....									
South Carolina.....	1846	December 15.....			1	2	17	76	991	1,067	
Georgia.....	1839	February 15, '40.....									
Alabama.....	1847	January 15, '48.....									
Louisiana.....	1847	January 24, '48.....			1	2	22	25	723	743	
Mississippi.....	1838	June 6.....									

Tennessee.....	1840	February 13, '41							
Kentucky.....	1847	December 10.....				9	36	633	669
Ohio.....	1845	January 26, '46.....				38	121	1,946	2,067
Indiana.....	1832	January 4, '33.....		1	3		60	620	680
Illinois.....	1841	February 24.....							
Missouri.....	1844	January 7, '45.....				5	20	480	500
Arkansas.....	1843	January 15, '44.....							
Michigan.....	1847	December 1.....				7	28	348	376
Florida.....	1845	October 10.....				3	12	153	165
Texas.....	1847	November 22.....							
Iowa.....									
Wisconsin Territory.....	1840	November 30.....							
District of Columbia.....	1832	November 20, '33.....					2	23	25
Grand aggregate...			1	22	21	422	1,657	23,369	25,026

The adjutant general says "the number of citizens in this State, required to perform militia duty, does not fall much short of twenty-five thousand."

No return.

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States and Territories.	Returns.		Riflemen.							Remarks.		
	For what year received.	Date.	No. of divisions.	No. of brigades.	No. of regiments.	No. of battalions.	No. of companies.	Commissioned officers.	Non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, &c.		Total.	Aggregate.
Maine.....	1845	December 31.....					42	112	1,813	1,925	44,665	Riflemen included in the infantry.
New Hampshire.....	1847	June 19.....					42				27,066	
Massachusetts.....	1847	December 23.....					6	28	319	347	94,655	
Vermont.....	1843	January 1, '44.....						105	2,240	2,345	23,915	
Rhode Island.....	1847	December 28.....									14,146	
Connecticut.....	1846	December 1.....					33	99	1,605	1,704	57,719	Separate arms of service not reported.
New York.....	1847	December 29.....									167,644	
New Jersey.....	1829	December 2.....					24	81	1,747	1,828	39,171	
Pennsylvania.....	1847	November 26.....					198	594	12,437	13,031	276,070	
Delaware.....	1827							32	511	543	9,229	
Maryland.....	1838	January 15, '39.....			2	4	75	50	628	678	46,864	Riflemen included in the infantry.
Virginia.....	1847	September 30.....					100				121,991	
North Carolina.....	1845	February 13, '46.....					31	124	1,570	1,694	79,448	
South Carolina.....	1846	December 15.....					25	100	1,600	1,700	54,705	
Georgia.....	1839	February 15, '40.....									57,312	
Alabama.....	1847	January 15, '48.....						9	136	145	44,332	
Louisiana.....	1847	January 14, '48.....			1	1	29	87	1,625	1,712	43,823	
Mississippi.....	1838	June 6.....									36,084	

Tennessee.....	1840	February 13, '41	..	..	..	..	..	..	71,252
Kentucky.....	1847	December 10.....	..	..	12	48	973	1,021	88,342
Ohio.....	1845	January 26, '46	..	18	15	213	782	14,656	15,438
Indiana.....	1832	January 4, '33	..	..	..	..	122	2,592	2,714
Illinois.....	1841	February 24.....	..	..	..	11	33	..	33
Missouri.....	1844	January 7, '45	..	..	..	..	..	..	61,000
Arkansas.....	1843	January 15, '44	..	..	..	1	3	57	60
Michigan.....	1847	December 1.....	..	..	..	21	84	1,240	1,324
Florida.....	1845	October 10.....	..	..	..	10	40	500	430
Texas.....	1847	November 22.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,766
Iowa.....	1840	November 30.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,223
Wisconsin Territory.....	1832	November 20, '33	..	..	..	..	4	32	36
District of Columbia.....	1832	November 20, '33	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,249
Grand aggregate.....			..	21	20	873	2,537	46,281	48,818
									1,888,538

The adjutant general says "the number of citizens in this State, required to perform militia duty, does not fall much short of twenty-five thousand."
No return.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 5, 1848.

R. JONES, Adjutant General U. S. A.

Abstract of the annual returns of arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, of the militia of the United States for the year 1847.

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States and Territories.	Ordnance and ordnance stores.																	
	Brass.									Iron.								
	12-pounds.	9-pounds.	6-pounds.	4-pounds.	3-pounds.	2-pounds.	Howitzers.	Eprouvets.	Cannon.	42-pounds.	32-pounds.	24-pounds.	18-pounds.	12-pounds.	9-pounds.	6-pounds.	4-pounds.	3-pounds.
Maine.....	2	....	47	20	22	....	3	3	....	1	4	22	7	9	14	20	6	5
New Hampshire.....									37									18
Massachusetts.....			38															
Vermont.....																		13
Rhode Island.....			8	4														
Connecticut.....			41	1										5	2	25		
New York.....	14	35	145	5	43	2	56				1		2	5	9	169	2	
New Jersey.....				4												23	6	1
Pennsylvania.....			66	5												35		
Delaware.....																	1	
Maryland*.....																		
Virginia.....			15	1												21	9	
North Carolina.....			9											6				
South Carolina*.....																		
Georgia.....			2															
Alabama*.....																		
Louisiana*.....																		

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Ordnance and ordnance stores.

States and Territories.	Sponges and rammers.	Ladles and worms.	Ball screws and worms.	Bricoles and dragropes.	Trail handspikes.	Lead aprons.	Ammunition boxes.	Tumbrils, or powder carts.	Sets of harness.	Rounds of shot and shells.	Pounds of cannon powder.	Gun carriages.	Caissons.	Spare wheels and poles.	Linestocks.
Maine.....	212	201	.....	714	170	53	104	46	194	16,360	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire.....	50	45	.....	92	49	32	73	10	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	64	38	.....	211	64	36	95	19	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....
Vermont.....	13	13	.....	6	14	3	20	2	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island.....	20	10	.....	47	21	12	12	5	10	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	73	54	.....	72	57	33	47	.....	18	8,491	385	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	911	81	.....	169	11	11	192	11	137	13,023	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	33	.....	.....	59	22	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia.....	24	20	447	18	33	2	11	15	28	8	19
North Carolina.....	9
South Carolina*.....
Georgia.....
Alabama.....
Louisiana*.....

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Mississippi*														
Tennessee														
Kentucky														
Ohio	30	30	69	51	16	32	3	5	3					
Indiana	8		18	10	4	6		3						
Illinois*														
Missouri	12	6		12		6		12						
Arkansas														
Michigan	12	6	6	12	6	6		8				2		
Florida*														
Texas*														
Iowa														
Wisconsin Territory														
District of Columbia														

* No returns of arms, &c., from these States.

Mississippi*														
Tennessee	9,822	1,622	1,691	1,712	1,966	5,000	Kegs 35	† 18,965	14,715	14,715				
Kentucky	10,273	10,273	10,243	10,273				2,127	1,697	1,677				
Ohio	6,851	6,462	4,467	3,882	682		70	4,040	1,381	1,381			2,719	
Indiana	577	232	189	15		10,000		8,200	6,500				48,000	
Illinois*														
Missouri	965	965	965	965	965			5,025	3,561	3,561				
Arkansas								500	400					
Michigan	1,241	643	1,335	1,074	1,054	260		120	404	313				
Florida*														
Texas*														
Iowa														
Wisconsin Territory	† 42				10	25		11	48	5				
District of Columbia	144	144	144	144				66						

* No returns of arms, &c., from these States.

† Fusees included.

‡ Fusees included.

Mississippi*												
Tennessee.....	Flasks 208	1,731	1,783		1,068					455	279	
Kentucky.....			1,606	2,564	2,620					561	511	70
Ohio.....	59	2,698	2,275		3,692		250	51		142	84	27
Indiana.....	1,200	780	780		350					288	400	20
Illinois*												
Missouri.....		510	222		890			12		52	51	
Arkansas.....		50								6	6	3
Michigan.....		775	657	121	657		62	12		39	38	38
Florida*												
Texas*												
Iowa.....												
Wisconsin Territory.....	5	6	4							1		
District of Columbia.....		18					76					

* No returns of arms, &c. from these States.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 5, 1848.

R. JONES, *Adjutant General U. S. Army.*

NOTE.—This return of arms, &c. is taken from the returns corresponding, in date, with those which furnish the strength of the militia.

